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NEWSPAPER OF MAINE.TERMS OF ADVERTISING:
For one inch space, \$5.00 for four
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insertion. Classified ads, one cent a word,
each insertion.COLLECTORS' NOTICES.
Mr. T. Brooks Reed is calling on subscribers
in Oxford county.
Mr. A. G. Fitt is calling on subscribers in
Cumberland and Androscoggin counties.
Mr. E. M. Marks is calling on subscribers in
Piscataquis county.Sample Copy sent on applica-
tion.Try the Maine Farmer for one
month.President Deal is to be congratulated
on the financial success of the
Eastern State Fair. With charming
weather it proved a good money earner.Indications point to a full crop of
apples in every section of the country.
In the West the conditions have been
exceptionally favorable and a heavy
yield is expected.Next Monday the voters of Maine
will have the opportunity of placing
their cross on the ballot sheet and
sending that out as the seal of citizen-
ship. Ordinarily the cross is the
sign of ignorance but now all is
changed.The heartrending rumor comes from
Virginia that the peanut crop is a
failure. It is painful to anticipate
the sufferings of our legislators the
coming winter if this is true. What
would the State House be without
the crack of the peanut shell?Read our great offer on the fourth
page. The Farmer from now until
Jan. 1st for only 25 cents. We make
this special rate that thousands may
have the opportunity to become ac-
quainted with its columns and trust
that our old friends will assist in ex-
tending the circle of readers.The importance of advertising, if
one has anything to sell, has been re-
peated so often that it seems unneces-
sary to say more and yet there are
thousands who have what others want
and no one knows it. Why not use
the columns of the Maine Farmer and
find a customer promptly? It is to-
day a medium sure to bring returns.
If you want business say so to the pub-
lic and say it through the Maine
Farmer so that the public will know
it.The brutal and atrocious conduct of
the Russian soldiers in China will
probably not increase the admiration
of the Chinese for foreigners, nor give
them any very striking lessons in hu-
manity. After seeing the Cossack
soldiers tossing women on the points
of their bayonets, and beating out the
brains of little children, the Celestials
may not be immediately convinced of
the superiority of Western civilization.
As General Chaffee truly said,
"This is not war; it is murder."Every reader of the Farmer will
want for his home, or his grange li-
brary one or more of the books adver-
tised on our second page. They
tell of the life of the ranch and
prairie, and are written by one of our
most charming writers, out of his
own personal experience. Every boy
will feel his blood stirred as he reads
these tales of adventure. The offer
remains open but a few weeks. Clip
your coupon and send in at once for
such volumes as you desire and they
will be delivered free by mail.The suicide of an Italian stayaway
in New Orleans, as indicating his un-
willingness to be deported to Italy,
gave rise to the suspicion that he
might be an anarchist who was wanted
for some crime in his own country.
It would be a good thing if an epi-
demic of suicide would prevail largely
among anarchists. Cannot some sci-
entist invest a suicidal virus with which
they may be inoculated after the fash-
ion of the rabbits in Australia? It
seems infinitely preferable for them
to be engaged in killing themselves
rather than some one else.We have all doubtless heard the
story of the grocer and his four boxes
of eggs, which bore labels respectively
as follows: "Extra fresh eggs; fresh
eggs; good eggs; eggs for theatrical
purposes." Another class can now be
added to these, if we may believe the
latest story from Chicago. A faint
peeping was heard from a case of eggs
which was sitting in the sun at a gro-
cery store in the Windy City. The
noise was investigated, and two little
downy balls of fluff, with bills at-
tached, were found mixed up in some
broken shells. The shipment of live
fowl in this way is a novelty, and prob-
ably will not become general.No pool selling, no liquor selling,
no gambling, no midway allowed on
the grounds of the Maine State Fair
at Lewiston. President Pompili not
only refused to admit but issued
strict orders to expel if any-thing of the kind was found, and
he and the trustees, not content
with this, have personally requested
those interested in a truly representa-
tive State Fair to be on the watch and
report the first evidence of the appear-
ance of anything objectionable. The
old state society is entrenching itself
more and more strongly in the hearts
of the people who believe in a clean,
straight exhibition of the stock
and products of the Pine Tree State.It is estimated that \$10,000,000
damage has been done this season to
land in Colorado and Wyoming by
forest fires. The loss is not wholly
on timber, but in many cases immense
tracts of land covered with young
growth, which would have been en-
tirely lost in 20 or 30 years, have been
entirely burned over. The country has
been rendered unsightly and unattractive
to tourists or to settlers, and some of
the popular resorts are almost ruined
by the state of the scenery. The
most painful thing about the whole
matter is the impossibility of pre-
venting these great conflagrations.
The locomotive spark may be re-
strained by proper legislation, but the
careless camper and the reckless
smoker are beyond the reach of any
known or feasible law. A general
awakening of conscience on the sub-
ject is needed.What a terrible illustration of the
force of prohibition in Maine is given
by that recent tragedy in Verona!
The father raving in delirium tremens
from a prolonged debauch, the delicate
mother exhausted and overcome by
sleep, and the little golden-haired
daughter of the family, left to her
own devices, played with matches and
died the horrible death by fire. Who
is responsible? Ask the saloon-keepers
of Bucksport, where the besotted
father got his liquor. Go farther
back and ask the town authorities
who permit these men to continue in
their nefarious business. Go a step
farther and ask the judges in our
courts, who dismiss on any pretext
the men brought before them for
liquor selling, and refuse to enforce
the law. And back of all these, are
our own hands free from blood? It is
public opinion which permits liquor
selling, and makes possible the thou-
sands of resultant tragedies. "Am I
my brother's keeper?"Although capital punishment has
been abolished in Italy, the villainous
assassin of King Humbert will not
thereby escape a reward in some de-
gree adequate to his crime. The in-
genious Italians have invented a pun-
ishment for him to which death
would be preferable in the minds of
most people. He will be condemned
to perpetual labor, but before begin-
ning his toil he will be placed in a cell
for ten years of solitary confinement.
He will be chained to the wall; he
will never sleep from the depths of his
cell, a ray of daylight; he will never
hear the sound of a human voice.
During these ten years of solitude not
even a priest can visit Bresci, all oc-
cupation is prohibited, and no printed
matter of any form ever reaches the
eyes of the prisoner, who may not
even talk aloud to himself. This mis-
erable mortal receives his food through
a little sliding door without even see-
ing the person who brings it. His
pride and glorying in his foul deed
will be somewhat chilled by these
years of solitude.New England Fair brings no credit
to Maine this year, however good the
stock exhibit may have been. The
Portland Daily Express summed up
the situation editorially as follows:
"The New England Fair now in opera-
tion at Old Orchard makes no pretense
of being an exhibition of the agricul-
tural products of New England. The
man who should come to see what
New England produces, and who
believed what he saw, would con-
clude that the chief industry in this
corner of the world is the raising of
cambiers and fakirs, none of whom
have any part in reputable society.
The bar room and the various gam-
bling devices outstrip even the racing;
and pool selling, forbidden by the state
law, but allowed to go on by two in-
dignant officials, does not get its share
of the booty, because there are so
many other devices which pick away
the money of the unwary. The fairs
ought to be the most universal prac-
tice of selling pools on the races held in
the state, but this is laudable compared
with the open and barefaced games
allowed to run uncontrolled. The Port-
land Press described fakirs' row at the
New England fair, Old Orchard, one
afternoon last week as follows:
"The fakirs have reaped a harvest
during the fair. They had things all
their own way and the games have
been going in full blast. The opera-
tion of these devices has been a case
of robbery pure and simple and some
of the hauls have been large ones. The
fakirs have been given the best places
on the grounds for plying their trade.
As soon as the visitor passed the gate
he was face to face with them. Gam-
bling is bad enough when the game is
on the square, but the devices for
swindling here have with perhaps one
or two exceptions, been conducted so
that the victim could not win. Each
fakir has been surrounded by a flock
of vultures known to the initiated as
the cappers, men who masquerade as
players and by their pretended win-
nings lure the unsuspecting into the
games. This afternoon one man—
and he was a well dressed, intelligent
appearing man—stood in front of one
of these games and put into it nearly
\$200. He was seen to make one bet
of \$50. Afterwards he called upon a
deputy sheriff, but he and the deputy
could not find the men who had
run that particular game, although
others of the same variety were in
progress all around. One young man
dropped \$20. He would probably havelost more if he had had it. The case
which excited the most indignation
was that of an old farmer. He stopped
in front of one of the tables on which
the pin game was in progress and
watched it while the men who were
playing won large sums. The men
were cappers, but the old gentleman
had probably never heard of a capper.
Finally he ventured a quarter and the
numbers on the pins, when counted,
gave a total which was followed by a
statement by the man running the
device that bets would be doubled.
Again the money was doubled and
again the old man lost his bet. There
was ten dollars coming to him now
for a dollar paid in. It did not stop
there. The money on the table in-
creased in amount and the old man lis-
tened to the capper who told him
that he should stay in the game and
not lose a chance to win all the money
beside parting with what he had paid
in. The victim stayed until all his
money, some seven or eight dollars,
has been placed on the table. And
still the pins would not figure up a
total that meant success for the old
gentleman. The capper gave him 50
cents to pay his fare home and the
victim wandered away. Another man
was said to have lost \$70 during the
day and the number who parted with
amounts ranging all the way from \$5
to \$20 was large."What excuse is there for this wanton
disregard of all law? What
effect can it have save to still further
demoralize the state? There is no
sympathy to be wasted on those who
lost for they were willing parties to a
lawless practice and seeking only to win at a dishonest
game. A well known Maine man,
now living in the West, said to the
writer a few days ago as we listened
to the insinuating plea of the Mid-
westers: "I have seen the fair
grounds of Maine within the past
year what would not be allowed for a
moment in any Western state or in
Texas. I say this with shame for my
native state."Are these things to be allowed when
the law of the state explicitly pro-
hibits? Are our agricultural exhibi-
tions which have been our glory in the
past, to be allowed to degenerate into
gambling hell and low down liquor
dives? We know these are marked ex-
ceptions, that the evils are confined to
a few and do not extend over the
many, but the evil is present and if
not checked will lift its venomous
head in other places and for the sake
of present revenue be allowed to blight
the thought and blast the purity of
our young as well as to demoralize the
adults who pass under its influence.Better that every gate be closed
than that this evil increase. It has
come through the influence of the
New England Fair, and the desire for
more revenue is blinding the judg-
ment to the lasting effects of so great
an evil. It must be checked else it
surely will increase for what else has
not done another seems forced to
adopt in order to hold public atten-
tion. The assumption that this "free
and easy" policy is necessary to pay
expenses is false. The people of Maine
endure, not approve, but continue the
policy and a vitiated taste is sure to
result. If Maine is to preserve its
agriculture it must be by strength-
ening the law against agricultural ex-
hibitions and this can never be hoped
for while pool selling, gambling
and liquor selling are permitted upon
the fair grounds. A few years ago
while Secretary of the State Fair the
writer was approached by a well
known party and requested "to offer
the trustees \$2,500, for the use of one
section under the grand stand during
the State Fair, the offer to place a
police officer to preserve order, and
keep away themselves." This was for
the tub game, and Col. Jerrard's an-
swer was characteristic of the man.
"Not for \$2,500, or \$25,000, will I ad-
mit a gambling device to the State
Fair grounds while President of the
Society." The same high standard
is the rule today, and President Pom-
pili, as exclaiming as his predecessors.
Our fair grounds must not be per-
mitted to become midway exhibits,
gambling places, or liquor dens. Bet-
ter by far close them entirely and lose
the benefits of competition and ex-
hibition. That these evils are restrict-
ed to a few sections is to the credit of
Maine and the lesson of today is that
if these evils are not checked by legis-
lation in this direction and on every fair ground
good order, cleanliness, healthy enter-
tainment and freedom from flagrant
evils be the rule of the future.

VOTE.

Next Monday occurs our state elec-
tion and while the Farmer has nothing
to do with parties it does urge
upon every voter the importance of
a more active interest in political ques-
tions and above all the exercise of
the right of suffrage. It is a privi-
lege to be allowed to vote according
to one's conviction, a privilege not ac-
cording in all parts of our country, but
in Maine that is a duty not to be
neglected.Vital questions are in the balance,
and good politics demand of each and
every voter that he exercise his right
of suffrage and cast his ballot for men
and principles which to him seem just
and right.Maine will be benefited in its legis-
lation made by a full next Mon-
day than by all the petitions which
can be piled up at the State House
next winter.We urge every man to go to the
polls and vote. Vote for the party
which by its record and its pledges
comes nearest to representing your
conception of good government.We had the pleasure of being present
at Androscoggin County Fair the
last day and while the stock had de-
parted the exhibits in the building
afforded to look over the tables and
see the fruits of skillful labor. The
attendance was large and the society
must have cleared up a good sum.The Maine Fifteenth Association—
also the First Cavalry and Ninth
Maine—"re-une" at Merrymeeting
Park, near Brunswick, Sept. 12. One
fare round trip on Maine Central,
Bangor & Aroostook and Washington
County Railroad. H. A. Shore, Sec-
retary.

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page 6.

39th MAINE STATE FAIR.

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models of the breed and sure to make
a mark later on.C. P. Woodbury, shows a herd of 9
head. A fine bull 1 year old is from
the well known herd of G. F. Dole,
Shelburne, Mass. His weight is 1,200
lbs. and still under two years of age.
These cows and a lot of heifers make
up the herd.G. W. Maxim, No. Anson, is a new
competitor in the Shorthorn class with
a bull and heifer, large, heavy, good
looking stock. Mr. Maxim states that
he has had more calls for stock during
the past six months than for years.

Oxen and Steers.

It is among the oxen, and steers
that the real meat-making merit of a
breed or class of cattle is to be seen.
Here is where important lessons may
be learned. Of course such results in
growth development and fat or flesh
are not reached without forcing. But
here is a chance to see what can be
done, what development may be
reached by skilled feeding. There is
as much in feeding as in breeding,
and the best blood, valuable in itself,
must be supplemented by skill in the
matter of handling. Feed is an ex-
hibition of what breed, feed and care
combined can do in the building up
of cattle designed for the shambles.
Our fairs show advancement, each
successive year in this work, and no
doubt the end is not yet, the improve-
ment of the past year being very no-
ticeable.In barn No. 4, which was given up
to oxen and steers, there is an array
of stock which will please the eye of
any cattle fancier. S. Tracy of W.
Falmouth, heads the list of exhibitors
in this department, having the largest
number of oxen entered. In his team
are 1 pair 6-year-old Durhams weigh-
ing 4,000 lbs.; 1 pair white-faced
Herefords weight, 3,700; 1 pair 4-year-
old Durhams, twins, weight, 3,400;
1 pair 4-year-old Herefords, weight,
3,200; 3 pairs grade Herefords, aver-
age weight, 3,300; 1 pair 2-year-olds,
weight, 3,300, girth 7 ft. 10 in.; 1
pair 2-year-olds, weight 2,700. Mr.
Tracy evidently knows how to breed
good cattle and feed for condition. J.
W. Clough, of Hallowell, one of the
veterans, has 5 pair of fine Herefords.
Two pair of these are 5-year-olds and
weigh 4,000 lbs. each and girth 7 ft.
11 in., and 7 ft. 10 in. The other
three pair are 4 years old, weigh 3,600
lbs., and girth 7 ft. 6 in. each.Chas. Moody of Leeds Junction, has
four head of nice oxen, 1 pair Durhams,
1 pair Herefords.
Edmund C. Harlow, Richmond, is
present with two pair of Herefords,
1 pair weighing 2,254 lbs., with a
girth of 6 ft. 7 in., while the others
measure 6 ft.Carlton J. Turner of New Sharon,
shows a good pair of yearling Here-
fords, girth 6 ft.
A. G. Mason of New Sharon, has
a pair of Hereford calves, 10 months
old and measuring 5 ft. 6 in.Leon McLaughlin, Starks, exhibits
a pair of Durhams having a girth of
6 ft. 9 in.
A. B. Jones, Athens, Jacob Gardner,
shows an excellent pair of grade Here-
ford yearlings which measure 6 ft.Walter Hilton of Starks, has a pair
of 9-months-old Hereford calves,
girth 5 ft. 4 in.
T. G. Hilton, Anson, shows two
pair of Herefords, 1 pair measuring 6
ft. 11 in.; the others, yearlings hav-
ing a girth of 6 ft.Leslie Stevens, Turner Center,
shows a pair of 3-year-old Durhams,
girth 6 ft. 4 in.J. J. Mann, Leeds Junction, has a
fine pair of 3-year-old star Durhams,
measuring 7 ft.There are 6 pair of grade Here-
ford 3-year-olds which belong to C.
Chas. Moody of Leeds Junction, and
measure 6 ft. 10 in. to 7 ft. 10 in.
Near by is a pair of Durham year-
lings measuring 6 ft. 5 in., and be-
longing to W. H. Maxwell, Greene.Of all the oxen in shed No. 4, there
are none more noticeable than the
very large ones owned by J. T. Ham-
ilton, Scarborough. He has 3 yoke, all
Durhams, one pair weighing 4,500
lbs. and having a girth of 7 ft. 10 in.
The other 2 pair weigh 3,200 and
3,800 lbs., and measure 6 ft. 7 in. and
7 ft. 6 in., respectively.
Just beyond these is a pair of Dur-
hams belonging to O. F. Deering, No.
Buxton, and with a girth of 7 ft. 4 in.,
and weighing 3,700, and a splendid
pair of coal black Holsteins, measur-
ing just 8 ft. and tipping the scales
at 4,200.

Besides the splendid exhibition of

stock in this building there are also
many fine oxen and steers scattered
about among the cattle in the sheds.
Prominent among these are 7 pair, all
full blood Herefords, belonging to the
A. J. Libbey, Embden. The largest
pair weigh 4,000 lbs. and measure
7 ft. 8 in. The weight and measure-
ments of the other 6 pair are as fol-
lows: 1 pair 4-year-olds, weight, 3,700
lbs., girth 7 ft. 5 in.; 1 pair 5-year-olds,
weight, 3,800, girth 7 ft. 6 in.; 1 pair
3-year-olds, weight, 3,500, girth 7 ft.
4 in.; 1 pair 5-year-olds, weight 3,
600, girth 7 ft. 4 in.; 1 pair 4-year-
olds, weight, 3,200, girth 7 ft. 2 in.
In this team may be found some as
finely mated oxen and steers as are
often seen. It is a pleasure to look
them over.Mr. John Fish of Oakland, has in
the next shed 7 pair of good cattle:
1 pair 3-year-old grade Herefords,
weight 2,700, girth 7 ft.; 1 pair 4-
year-old grade Durhams, weighing 3,
300 and measuring 7 ft. 3 in.; 1 pair
5-year-old grade Herefords, weight 4,
000, girth 8 ft.; 1 pair grade Here-
fords, weight, 3,800, girth 7 ft. 9 in.;
1 pair of grade Durhams, weighing 4,
300, and measuring 8 ft.; 1 pair Dur-
ham draft oxen, weight 3,000, girth
7 ft. 10 in.; 1 pair Durham draft oxen,
measuring 6 ft. 6 in.; 1 pair 3-year-
old Hereford steers, weight, 3,500,
girth 7 ft. 8 in. This last named pair
are especially fine young cattle, and
were the subject of much favorable
comment.N. E. Morrill of Buckfield, has 3
pair of Durham steers and 1 pair of
Herefords, all good looking cattle.A very good pair of 3-year-old Dur-
hams is shown by N. Perkins, Jay.
Their weight is 3,000, and their
girth 6 ft. 10 in. Near by is a pair
of 1-year-old grade Durhams, weigh-
ing 2,600 lbs. and owned by N. S.
Samuel of Dixfield.Samuel Smith of Livermore Falls,
has a pair of Durhams weighing 3,700
and measuring 7 ft. 3 in.Leon Ingalls of Denmark, shows 2
pair of Durhams, 1 pair of 3-year-olds,
weight, 3,300, girth 7 ft. 1 in., and 1
pair 2-year-olds, weight, 2,000, girth
5 ft. 11 in.Ernest Ingalls of Denmark, has a
pair of the same breed, measuring 7
ft. and weighing 3,425.
Three pair of Herefords are shown
by Chas. Bean of Hiram, 2 pair weigh-
ing 3,700 each and measuring 7 ft.,
and 7 ft. 4 in., the others a pair of 2-
year-olds, weight, 2,000, girth 6 ft. 2
in.Horatio Luce of Strong, has 1 pair
of Hereford yearlings that tip the
scales at 2,200.Other exhibitors were as follows:
French & Norton, Farmington, 1 pair
of 5-year-old Herefords, weight 3,700,
girth 7 ft. 6 in.C. Merrill, Athens, 1 pair yearling
Herefords, girth 5 ft. 10 in.J. W. Adams, E. Wilton, 1 pair 3-
year-old Herefords, girth 7 ft. 2 in.
and 7 ft. 3 in.Those who talk about a pair of
steers being a curiosity have little
conception of what the State of Maine
is doing in its beef industry. While
the Herefords outnumber the Dur-
hams and the white faces are de-
servedly popular the Shorthorns are
surely on the increase and in form and
color compare favorably with their
neighbors.This year we have two herds of Sus-
sex and one of these is shown by B.
W. Nelson, Bowdoinham, 11 head of
sleek looking animals, the other of T. G.
Burleigh, Vassalboro.L. H. Maxim, Sumner, is the veter-
an Devon breeder and his stock is
always in fine shape. It is so this year
with his 9 head.Geo. G. Gilman, Solon, has 12 fine
Devons and when the ribbons are dis-
tributed will get his share. It is a
pleasure to note the increased atten-
tion paid this breed of cattle.The Red Polled are here and they
are pictures. Mr. R. Z. Herrick,
of Herrick Farm, Brown, brings 13 of
this breed, and shows the progress made
in developing an all round cow for the
farmer of New England. An exami-
nation of his stock will satisfy of
merit and adaptability to the wants
of the state. It will be well when
their numbers increase.The Farmer is able to give the
record of cattle on exhibition by
breeds:

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| Jerseys, all classes..... | 144 |
| Herefords..... | 77 |
| Brahmans..... | 41 |
| Holsteins..... | 31 |
| Devons..... | 31 |
| Polled Angus..... | 21 |
| Shorthorns..... | 36 |
| Red Polled..... | 15 |
| Sussex..... | 11 |
| Guernseys..... | 10 |
| Oxen and steers..... | 405 |
| Herefords, pairs..... | 41 |
| Shorthorns..... | 35 |
| Holsteins..... | 35 |
| Total number of cattle on exhibi- tion..... | 569 |

Swine.

A new hog barn gives the owners
chance to show their stock, but the
exhibits overrun the space and an ad-
dition will be necessary. The show in
this class is the best ever made,
the quality being superior throughout.
Albra Adams, the veteran, comes from
No. Madison, with 8 O. I. C. Chesters
and 1 litter of pigs, of large size, fine
in hair and beautiful in form.A. B. Jones, Turner, makes a good
showing of Victorias, Duros, and
Poland Chinas, his pride being in his
Victorias.Nezinscott Farm, Buckfield, sends
down a grand lot of Berkshires and
Mr. N. E. Morrill, the owner may
well be congratulated on the quality
of his goods. Better stock will not
be found together and so fine a col-
lection of pig paintings, the arranging of
which must please the critical eye of
our artist friends, as they were placed
to please Mrs. Nevins, an artist of
wide reputation. It is impossible to
enumerate; the space is all taken and
more than full. In another wing the
fine needle work claims attention
and Miss Hopkins, who has so ably
filled the position for years has se-
cured a most artistic display this year.The only grange to enter for the
liberal premiums offered is Norland
of East Livermore, and the exhibit and
arrangement reflect credit upon the
loyal workers of that grange. The
tables and walls are well filled with
the fruits of the farm, the orchard,
the dairy and the skilled handwork
of the sisters. It is to be regretted
that other granges failed to respond
and by and through an exhibit indi-
cate the potency of grange sentiment
in Androscoggin county.Mr. W. E. Johnson, Bowdoin; Rich-
mond Post Office, makes an exhibit
the like of which we do not believe
has ever been duplicated. It consists
of 156 varieties of potatoes grown by
him besides six varieties of seedlings.
Some of these are enormous, especially
Johnson's Dewey, giving the largest
yield of any, Johnson No. 1, Norcross
and Northern Beauty. The display
is of superior quality throughout and
well worth inspection.Over in another wing is the bee ex-
hibit, made by Mr. C. H. Greeley,
Clinton, and A. N. Grant, Fairfield.
Here were two artistic exhibits made
from the sweets of the flowers and so
(Continued on fifth page.)with these a grand pair of ewes of
good size and form. A sharp competi-
tor in this class is T. G. Hilton,
Anson, with his 17 choicely selected
Hampshires, large, square, blocky
bodies of good length and strong on
their legs. With these he has 9 Dick-
inson Merinos, grand specimens.
Another veteran at the State Fair,
one who always brings fine goods is O.
A. Abbott, the Vassalboro farmer
whose Shropshires are known in every
quarter, large in size, well built, heavy
in fleece, and bred in popular lines.
He shows 12 thoroughbreds.Another Shropshire breeder who
brings good sheep is F. H. Farnham,
Hartland, his 5½ months buck weigh-
ing 180 lbs. He has 9 good sheep well
bred and fitted to show.W. G. Hilton, Anson, makes a good
showing of Southdowns and grades.
Like other Somerset county breeders
he aims for the best.The Cotswold exhibitor is F. W.
Johnson, Freedom, who shows a large
pen also another of Southdowns well
selected in good condition.M. D. Gray, Anson, is one of the
good feeders and his 15 fat wethers
attest his skill. With these he brings
8 Leicester ewes.Another expert breeder in Somerset
county is Frank Moore, Anson, whose
showing of Leicesters and Merinos is
worthy of extended notice. Mr. Moore
always shows good stock, well bred.Perhaps the prince of feeders in the
sheep line is Chas. W. Norton, Starks.
At any rate his Oxford Downes always
tell a story of care and preparation
which reflects credit on their owner.He shows this year 20 beauties, his 1
year buck weighing 300; his 3 year
old ewes 300, and one year ewes, 225.
Mr. Hilton finds his stock in excellent
condition and keeps it by the free use
of oats which he grows in quantity.Mr. E. A. Hilton, Anson, has 22
Oxford Downes and Shropshires, large
bodied, well bred animals.The Horned Dorsets are shown by
H. H. and H. B. Whitman, Turner,
and A. C. True, Saco, good specimens
of the breed.A good showing of grade Shrop-
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Good Health—“Had poor health for years, pains in shoulders, back and hips, constant headache, nervousness and appetite. Used Hood's Sarsaparilla, and strength and can work hard all day heartily and sleep well. I took because it helped my husband to whom I owe strength.” Mrs. E. J. Giffels, New Lake, Minn.

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City News.

Levi Crowell of Winslow, was badly injured at Fogg's mill, 42 Brook road, Friday, by a log rolling on him. He was brought to City Hospital.

A bear was recently seen about mile out of the city by a man who shot blackberry. Yet we do anticipate that Augusta will gain glory as a sporting region right away.

The coming of Postmaster Gen. Smith to Augusta this evening, (Friday) will surely call out an audience which will test the capacity of City Hall. He is a brilliant orator and everybody will want to hear him.

Frank Murphy, who is employed the Insane Hospital, was returning on a bicycle late one evening recently, on a bullet whizzed by his head, and a bullet nearer than was really possible. He at once started up the horse and heard no other shots.

Travel on the Maine Central is heavy this week. Train No. 1, running in two sections for the week, and the first section on Monday afternoon carried 452 persons and of baggage. The tide of summer travel is now turning homeward.

The Augusta Chronos began work in Tuesday evening, after several months' vacation. L. B. Cain will be the leader as heretofore. All are being forward to the festival grounds next month. The Augustus will sing in Bangor this year, not in Portland.

Wm. Cross, of the firm of Wheeler Cross, has been searching the brooks ponds of this vicinity for pearls in water clams. His efforts so far have been rewarded by the finding of pearls, for one of which he was paid \$20 by Tiffany & Co. Another, which is now on exhibition in firm's window, is larger than a

The 3-year-old son of A. L. Gaslin this city was badly kicked by a horse Sunday morning. Mr. Gaslin driving on State St. with the fellow on the carriage seat behind him, when the horse became unmanageable and struck out with his hind legs, hitting the boy in the forehead. The boy was out about 2 inches long, a 1-inch fracture made in the skull. Medical attendance was summoned, and it is thought that the child will recover.

The death of Mrs. Almira Cole, of N. W. Cole of this city, which occurred at her summer residence at an Point on Friday of last week, moved from the midst of a large circle of friends one who was beloved by all who knew her. Even when she was entering the shadow of death, her selfish spirit shone forth in her light and counsel for those who were to be left behind, especially the children who had been her constant and her dying breath was spent in words of comfort for those mourning hearts. Such souls can ill be missed from this selfish world.

County News.

Elden Hall, a farmer living near Herville, was kicked by a vicious horse last week, sustaining injuries which it is feared may be fatal.

The barber shop of John J. Brennan, on Gardner street, was broken into and about \$20 in change stolen. Work was done by some one familiar with the place.

Rev. Vernon—Roll calling meeting of Baptist church was held, on Wednesday last week, with a picnic dinner at Lower Masonic hall. It was a pleasant and profitable gathering.

One of the Oakland farmers, Alvin Hamlin, recently fell from the top of his barn and fractured 3 and 4 of his shoulder. As Mr. Hamlin is 70 years old, the accident may prove to be quite serious.

Joshua Towle, the artist of the Well Daily News, died Sunday morning at the home of his parents, and Mrs. Henry Towle, in Sidney, after a long illness with typhoid fever, was survived by a wife and three children, besides his parents, brothers and sister.

There was a very enjoyable party at the residence of Hon. H. H. Reynolds, last week. The guests were illuminated with 40 Chinese lanterns. Dancing indulged in to the music of two pianos. Ice cream and cake were served. The proceeds going for the benefit of the Universalist church.

Rev. E. Longley of Smithfield has accepted a call from the Baptist church in their church here, and is moving into town.

The managers of E. Somerset Agr'l Society have postponed their annual show and fair, Hartland, to Oct. 3, 4. For further particulars address J. A. Goodrich, Sec., Hartland.

State News.

Ezra Roberts, an old man living in Belfast, was killed Friday by being struck by the engine while walking on the track.

A fire at Blanchard, Thursday morning, destroyed the sawmill of Geo. W. Stacey, a store and a bridge, besides several large piles of lumber. Loss about \$6,400; insurance \$5,100.

Herman Wisner, an employee of R. H. Schellhorn of Portland, while at work painting the poles of the Portland Electric Light Co., fell from the top of a tall pole and was instantly killed, his neck being broken. His fall was caused by contact with a live wire.

Edward Van Ness of New York, a wealthy resident of Bar Harbor, ran up a large Boer flag just before the arrival of the British fleet. He refused to take it down, and it was cut down by indignation residents. Mr. Van Ness is a New Yorker and was one of the committee to receive the Boer commissioners when they visited this country. He has been requested to resign from the Gentlemen's Club, and invitations to the private functions already issued have been cancelled.

Brunswick.—A pulp company has purchased one of the largest and safest mill privileges on our falls and are taking down the old building to give place for a large birch pulp factory. The college is putting in an electric light and heating apparatus which costs \$15,000. It is said it will save one-half the annual cost of heating and lighting the college buildings. Harpswell people are making arrangements for building an electric railroad from Brunswick to Merriconeag. One hundred and fifty of our Canadian citizens have been naturalized within a few days past. Continues very dry and many wells have failed to furnish water, and farmers have to feed their cattle at the barns. The apple crop is abundant and orchardists offer them at 25 cents a barrel. A bright meteor was seen last week passing in a northeast direction. It appeared as large as an orange and very bright.

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General News.

Affairs in China seem to be quiet and uninteresting. The Powers are still undecided as to the best course to pursue.

Daniel F. Ham, 71 years old, a prosperous farmer of Rochester, N. H., committed suicide Monday morning by cutting his throat.

The schooner Lizzie Smith, with line from Rockland, Maine, ran ashore near Chatham, Mass., Monday night. The vessel and cargo will be a total loss. The crew were saved.

Harry L. Vance, late of the 37th regiment U. S. V., has been sentenced to 99 years' imprisonment for desertion and taking up arms with the Philippines against his own comrades. He was brought to this country last week to serve his sentence.

A rear end collision Sunday morning on the Phila. & Reading R. R., at Hatfield, between an excursion train and a milk train, caused the death of 13 persons and injury of 30 or more, some of whom may die. The blame for the collision is not ascertained.

A painter at work on the spire of St. Hyacinth's church in Lasalle, Ill., 160 feet from the ground, lost his balance and fell backward. He grasped a rope hanging near with his teeth and hung for several seconds before he could catch the rope with his hands. He was found to have sustained an internal rupture from the strain.

In spite of the efforts of the Americans, British and Japanese, wholesale murder and looting are going on in China. The conduct of the Russians is a blot on the campaign. Their brutality is indescribable, and the French are not far behind in murder and cruelty. Evidently the Russians are accustomed to this barbaric mode of warfare.

It is estimated that there are 1,000 persons at Cape Nome, Alaska, in danger of starvation. The Indians are in great need, for the miners have gathered the driftwood on which they depended for fuel, and in some cases have even torn down their cabins. The government will send provisions and clothing to the Indians at once, and the War Department will be authorized to send a transport to Nome to bring back the penniless miners.

The September meeting of the Somerset Central Agricultural Society will be held at the grounds in Skowhegan, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22. Entries close Sept. 12. \$425 in purses. H. A. Archer, Secretary.

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appetizing that one grew hungry as he looked. Much credit is due these apiarists for their efforts to complete this feature of the fair.

Dairy and Agricultural Implements.

A. L. and E. F. Goss of Lewiston, occupied with their exhibit a large space near the western door of the exhibition building. Dairy implements, including a variety of churns, cream separators, butter tubs and carriers, cans, etc., and Quaker ranges, are among the most prominent features here. The same firm shows a number of generators used in manufacturing acetylene gas. By the way, the exhibition building and many other buildings on the grounds are lighted by this firm with this gas, and it proves very successful in use, giving a brilliant, steady light. "Volunteer" steam heaters and boilers, manufactured by the Wm. H. Page Boiler Co., and such won medals at the Fair Exposition, form an interesting branch of the display.

Over in another wing of the building is a varied and attractive exhibit by Kendall & Whitney of Portland, the old and reliable implement and seed firm. They have a complete line of everything in the way of supplies pertaining to agricultural, dairy and poultry business. The Laval Cream Separators, Stoddard well churns, light and heating apparatus which costs \$15,000. It is said it will save one-half the annual cost of heating and lighting the college buildings. Harpswell people are making arrangements for building an electric railroad from Brunswick to Merriconeag. One hundred and fifty of our Canadian citizens have been naturalized within a few days past. Continues very dry and many wells have failed to furnish water, and farmers have to feed their cattle at the barns. The apple crop is abundant and orchardists offer them at 25 cents a barrel. A bright meteor was seen last week passing in a northeast direction. It appeared as large as an orange and very bright.

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A beautiful silk biscuit work and another smaller quilt are the work of Mrs. F. C. Farr, Lewiston.

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In this department the Bates Manufacturing Co. of Lewiston, has two large showcases filled with samples of their work, one case of bedspreads, the other of tablecloth goods.

An inmate of the State Prison sent specimens of birch bark work for exhibition.

Art Exhibit.

No one who is interested in the beautiful could fail to be delighted with the magnificent exhibition of artist's work to be seen in the portion of the exhibition building devoted to this branch of the show. There are 261 entries of paintings, drawings, etc., besides the large portraits. At the end of the room two very fine, almost life size portraits of Hon. Nelson H. Dingley and Judge Walton hang facing the door and are prominent among all the paintings in the room. They are the work of D. Coombs, an Auburn artist. Among the other large paintings are two loaned from Poland Springs, the one of a child, "Helping Papa," the other a mother and child, "New England." There is another fine large painting whose owner's name is not given. It is a magnificent reproduction of Murillo's famous "Madonna and Child."

H. L. Varney exhibits some excellent pen and ink sketches from models. In cases on one side of the room is a large display of fancy painted china. Quite a large space on the wall between the doors is occupied by Howard, the photographer of Lewiston, who has some very fine photographs and enlargements on exhibition. All in all, the art exhibition is something fine, a sight which it is a treat to see.

Vegetables.

As you enter the hall the first stand that meets your eye, with a fine display of vegetables, is I. V. McKenney, of Auburn, who has shown here every year since the State Fair has been at Lewiston. This year he has a larger, and better exhibit than ever before. Mr. McKenney's display would have been much better could he have secured room enough for a full display of all he had at the fair.

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Fruit Department.

As you pass into the hall where the fruit display is, S. H. Dawes, Harrison, has a fine display of large, smooth apples. Mr. Dawes has had fruit on exhibition here for many years, but this display surpasses all others.

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F. Prescott, Newburgh, is also on hand with a full exhibit of fruit; he also reports the best for years.

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He repeated the words after her with labored slowness. He looked bewildered. Olivia smoothed the gray hair back from his forehead with a slow, mesmeric motion.

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that can befall. I have confessed everything to my Maker. I had meant to confess to Thomas, but my strength ebbs fast. I doubt if I shall be here when he comes. The temptation to secure your future against the possibility of want was too mighty for me, Olivia. My idolatrous love for you turned my boasted strength into weakness. Opportunity was my undoing."

"I will make restitution, father. He shall have everything."

"And blacken my name in the grave? Restitution lies in one direction only. At least my falling senses can point out no other course. You alone can right the great wrong I have done Rufus."

"I, father?"

"Don't speak. Listen to me. Would you help me undo what I have done for your sake?"

She shivered as if an ague had seized her, but her gaze never left his face.

"You know I would, father! Oh, you know there is nothing I would not do for your dear sake!"

"A few weeks ago I could not have humbled myself before my own innocent child as I am doing now, my dear, but when the shores of eternity seem actually in sight the mortal vision broadens, and we can slough all that posture."

"I know it to be a fact, father. I saw my father, dead. She looked so quiet, so serene. She is at rest."

"You saw her. Then you have been to the Spillman cottage. What did you go there for?" His voice rang out in challenge.

She shrunk away from him until the pile of pillows with which Reuben had propped him into a sitting posture hid her pallid face from him. Was he going to force her to say why she had gone to the Spillman cottage? If he did, must she lie? Instead he spoke to her in the gentlest of voices. Rather did he seem to plead for mercy than uphold her.

"Don't cower behind my pillows, my poor child. Come where I can look into your dear eyes. You have nothing to be ashamed of, Olivia. I know what took you there. You went in search of a vindication for your most unhappy father. Her head drooped until it touched his pillows. "You thought to learn something more about the papers which she claimed to be holding for Thomas."

"Yes, father."

A gleam of gratification shot into the shrewd eyes of the dying man. It was almost as if his departing soul paused to score on more pitiful little triumphs.

"Poor old magpie! She overreached herself. Now they never will be found."

"Were they very valuable to Thomas—father? That is, if you don't mind telling me, dear."

"They were—they are," he amended slowly, "of no value to any one. Thomas would not be one dollar the wiser for the finding of them."

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Grange News.

Maine State Grange.

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State Secretary, E. H. Libby, Auburn, Dirigo P. O.
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E. H. Libby, Auburn.
W. J. Jones, Dirigo.
R. D. Leavitt, East Eddington.
R. D. Leavitt, Howe's Corner.
COLUMBUS HAYFORD, Mayville Ctr.

Grange Gatherings.

Sept. 11—Somerset Pomona, D. troit.
Sept. 12—Androscoggin Pomona, Turner.
Sept. 13—Exeter Pomona, Farmington.
Sept. 21—Penobscot Pomona, Bangor.

Appointments for National Master Jones.
Sept. 23—No Penobscot Pomona, E. Lowell.
Sept. 24—Androscoggin Pomona, Farmington.
Pomona officers and committees will have charge of all local arrangements.

Oxford county Pomona holds its 25th anniversary with Bear Mountain grange, Oct. 2d.

The next meeting of Androscoggin Pomona grange will be with Turner grange Wednesday, Sept. 12th. A good attendance is desired.

Bear Mountain grange observed its yearly field day, Sept. 22d, by a ten-mile ride and a basket picnic at Kezar Falls, and a very enjoyable day was pronounced by all.

Excelsior Pomona grange No. 4 P. of H., holds the annual meeting for the election of officers with Farmington grange in G. A. R. hall, Thursday, Sept. 13th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Sandy River Agricultural Society will hold their annual cattle show and fair on the premises of R. and C. D. Waugh, Starks, Tuesday, October 9th. All are cordially invited to contribute to the fair. The ladies of Starks grange, will furnish dinner as usual in the grange hall.

Kennebec Pomona will be held at Clinton, Sept. 12th. Programme: A. M. session; conferring 5th degree; paper, "Household Economy," Sister Ella Kennedy; P. M. session; music; paper, "Formation of Character," Sister Annie E. Gray; music; recitation; lecture, "Agricultural Education," Bro. W. J. Thompson; recitation.

Freetown grange, as planned, took in the field day exercises at Merry-meeting Park, Monday, August 27th. A large per cent. of this grange was present and each grange but one of Lincoln county was represented. At the regular Saturday evening meeting it was voted to arrange if possible for a public lecture by Prof. W. W. Weston, on Tuesday, September 11th. Ice cream and cake will be served after the lecture.

Saturday evening, Sept. 1st, was gentlemen's night at So. Sanguerville grange, the brothers doing all the honors in a very pleasing manner, entertaining the ladies to the best of their ability, with select readings, recitations, music, etc. The question, "When is a nation safe?" was ably discussed by J. L. Bennett, J. W. Bishop, A. M. Garland and others, after which all repaired to the banquet hall below and enjoyed a social hour and partook of a hulled corn supper.

New Century Pomona grange, Oxford county, will hold its next meeting with Lonsdale Mountain grange, Andover, Sept. 12th. A very interesting meeting is expected as this grange is doing first class work even in its infancy. The last meeting was held with Rumford grange and if any one knows of Rumford hospitality, they know what welcome we received at the time. Beside the highly interesting programme there were thirty-three candidates initiated and eleven came by demit.

The regular meeting of Somerset Pomona grange will be with Detroit grange, Sept. 11th. Address of welcome by May L. Springer; response by F. L. Brown; music; entertainment by Detroit grange; question, "What are the advantages to the young man expecting to follow farming as a business, in education, at our agricultural colleges?" to be opened with a paper by Everett E. Libby and discussed by the grange; music; a paper by Miss Helen Manning, "Do farmers practice and teach etiquette in their families as much as they should?" As this is one of our youngest granges it is hoped there may be a good attendance. Music will be furnished by Detroit grange.

Lincoln County Pomona met as appointed with Sheepscot Valley grange, Alna, Aug. 30th. A good attendance was present and a lively and interesting meeting the result. After the dinner which did the sisters of Sheepscot Valley grange much credit, the grange was opened in the 5th degree by worthy Master F. H. Albee and the routine business disposed of. The grange was then closed in the 5th and opened in the 4th degree and an excellent programme of music and reading was carried out; recess; the question, "Resolved, that a state auditor is unnecessary," was opened in a very able manner by Bro. Z. H. Ford, followed by Bro. Carleton, Chas. T. Somes, and others. The question was decided by a good majority in the affirmative. The committee on time and place of next meeting decided on Tuesday, October 2d, with Freetown grange, So. New Castle.

A Bigger Welcome Next Year.

The series of State grange rallies have closed and the record is one to which all patrons will point with pride. The strong, earnest, positive words of our National Master have but deepened the hold he has upon Maine patrons and when he returns next year he will receive a bigger welcome than ever. Bro. Jones has done the order grand service, he has clearly indicated its line of work, its central thought, the necessity for individual responsibility, the fact that our agriculture must receive greater attention than in the past, and inspired fresh

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courage for the labors of the coming year. Our National Master carries with him the hearty good will of a constant increasing army of patrons and all will rejoice to give him a glad hand when he turns his face eastward another year.

Field Day at Underwood.

The Field Day of the State grange at Underwood Spring park on Friday was not as largely attended as the interest of the occasion demanded. The grangers in some sections have been strangely apathetic in regard to the opportunities given them of hearing the National Master, and profiting by these grand rallies. The meeting at Underwood was called to order by the Master of Cumberland Pomona, Seth F. Sweetser of New Gloucester. The first speaker was State Master Obediah Gardner of Rockland, who made an admirable speech, full of enthusiasm for the grand order of Patrons of Husbandry and all that it represents. He was followed by W. W. Weston, State Sup't. of Schools, who gave a thoughtful and suggestive address on the topic, "The Higher Civilization." The typical New England farmer was represented by Levi Jordan of Riverside grange, Raymond, who closed the forenoon session with a witty and characteristic speech.

The afternoon meeting was devoted to the address of the National Master, Hon. Aaron Jones. His subject was "Individual Responsibility." The farmer himself is responsible for the conditions which surround him and if these conditions are not to his liking it is his own fault. The farmer must no longer delegate to any class the authority to do his thinking. Farming must be done from the intellectual standpoint, to be even partially successful. Business principles must be applied. The farmer must look sharply after legislation affecting his interests. Maine would be one or two millions better off every year if she were properly protected in her dairy interests. The grange bills introduced into the House and Senate were explained at length and the principles of the order emphasized. It aims to give to every part of the country an equal opportunity.

The address was much enjoyed by the audience and all felt that it had been a privilege to listen to the National Master.

ST. JOHN EXHIBITION.

The big fair and exhibition at St. John, New Brunswick, for the year 1900, will open on Sept. 10th, and remain open until Sept. 19th. The managers of this great show anticipate the grandest and most comprehensive exhibition yet given under the auspices of the St. John Exhibition Association, and the best ever offered in the Maritime Provinces. The large sum of \$13,000 is offered in money prizes to live stock, agricultural, horticultural, dairy, ladies' work, industrial, natural history and other exhibits.

The horse and cattle exhibit will be large as assured by the very large number of entries received by Sec. Chas. A. Everett, and Maine horsemen who attend this great fair will be especially interested in the colts by the great trotting sires Bingen, 2-06½, and Presens, 2-05½, which will be seen in the daily parade of animals. The main buildings for industrial exhibits contain greater floor space than any similar buildings in Eastern Canada, and every square foot of space is now actually taken up and will be occupied with a beautiful display of manufactures of all kinds. There is very earnest local interest taken in this fair and to illustrate its recognized importance it may be mentioned that one firm will occupy 2,400 square feet and will expend a large amount of money in arranging and beautifying their exhibit.

In the main building will be the natural history exhibit on a larger and more complete scale than ever before attempted in the lower Provinces. It will embrace upwards of fifty specimens of living fish, river, lake and sea, in glass tanks so lighted that they may be seen by all visitors. Crustaceans, frogs, toads, snakes, etc. in their natural surroundings, will also be features of this exhibit. Agricultural hall is on the eastern side of the grounds near the horse and cattle show, and here will be seen a very full exhibit of fruit and vegetables of all kinds, peas, beans, oats, potatoes and other farm and garden products. Butter and cheese making competitions will be held and dairy work practically illustrated. Agricultural implements in large variety will also be seen here and with all the latest ideas in that direction.

In the agricultural building is amusement hall in which will be shown moving pictures of war scenes in South Africa and portraits of the generals prominent in that struggle, with other special features. The poultry and pigeon exhibit is near agricultural hall and is very large and the specimens of fowl include many of the best varieties. An incubator and its process will be exhibited in this department by Mr. W. A. Jack, the well known authority on poultry.

Every afternoon and evening special free open air attractions will be presented, among which will be the starting drive into a tank from a height of 70 feet, by Prof. Marsh, who rides a bicycle down an inclined plane 200 feet long from a height of 100 feet be-

fore taking his header. All these attractions will be in front of the grand stand which has seating capacity for three thousand people and for use of which a nominal charge will be made. The drill hall has been transformed into an amphitheatre with a capacity of 2,000, and here will be given a Vaudeville entertainment of superior order.

The management has had regard, too, for the wants of the inner man, and dinners and lunches can be procured in the restaurant in the main building and on the grounds.

There are a number of exhibits in various departments from Calais and other places in this state and there is no doubt that the people of Eastern Maine will, in further promotion of neighborly friendliness, attend this great exhibition in large numbers and give their quota towards making it what it ought to be, a magnificent success.

PAINT TALKS XXXII.

When a man persistently insists on one kind of material and virulently denounces everything else, it is wise for interested people to look behind the language for the motive. Manufacturers of heavy pigments which require very little oil to make them into paint, violently denounce as adulteration the addition of any other pigment and especially of pigments that weigh less, bulk for bulk, and require more oil. Such adulteration, it is urged, is fraudulent and is ruinous to morals and the pocket-book.

Zinc white in an ordinary white paint, for example, increases the bulk per pound anywhere from fifteen to fifty per cent. according to the proportion used and increases the relative ratio of oil to pigment correspondingly. It is here not only the quantity of heavier pigment displaced by the zinc white, but also the increased proportion of oil that counts entirely against the heavy pigment. Perhaps that fact may have something to do with the violence of the objection, which may not be entirely unnatural.

From the consumer's point of view, however, the question wears a different aspect. If of two paints equally good and costing the same price per pound, a pound of one measures a gill while a pound of the other gives him a full pint of paint, it is easy to see that the latter costs him really only one half the price of the other.

Outside the fact that it adds to the beauty and durability of paints, this is the chief factor in the popularity of zinc white paints; they are usually somewhat cheaper per pound than other white or tinted paints; but on the basis of bulk, which is the only true measure of relative cost, they are at least fifty per cent. cheaper.

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There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly localizing it, have caused it to run on to cure, and thus incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in any case. It cures Catarrh of the bladder, and restores the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Market Reports.

WATERTOWN AND BRIGHTON LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Specially reported for the Maine Farmer.) Live Stock Yards, Sept. 5, 1900.

Maine Drivers.

At Brighton.

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\$20a38; extra cows, \$40a48; choice cows, \$50a60.

Sales of Stock at Yards.

J. G. Keazer, 40 lambs of 63 lbs. at 6c; 3 calves of 400 lbs. at 6c. J. G. Brown, 2 steers of 2,340 lbs. at \$5.30; 1 bull of 1,500 lbs. at \$5.30; 3 bulls of 1,800 lbs. at 2½c; 20 calves of 2-520 lbs. at 6½c. W. G. Brown sold 6 Hereford steers, averaging 1,300 lbs. at 5½c; 2 Devon steers, averaging 1,200 lbs. at 4½c. A. C. Foss sold 228 lambs of 65 lbs. at 5½c, or a shade better. W. A. Marshall sold 80 lambs of 65 lbs. at 5½c. Libby Bros. sold 10 milk cows from \$24a52 a head, including fancy cows.

Remarks.

The demand is gradually improving for live stock and by another week the requirements will be quite heavy, and by next week it would be perfectly safe to market any kind of good live stock and dealers can calculate on good market prices. Families are fast returning from country resorts and a full complement of provisions must be disposed of. Fat hogs are held at the advance noticed last week, both on Western and local hogs. Good Western steers held a steady position.

The export cattle bring a good price in London and Liverpool and at the advance of ½c, from previous week, exporters will get fair returns for outlay.

At Brighton Yards Late Last Wednesday.

The market for milk cows closed out somewhat hard and some dealers had cows left over unsold and some to close out had to concede to the views of buyers. The better grade cows were the most easily disposed of. Harris & Fellows sold 10 cows at average price, \$37. C. W. Cheney sold at \$35a50. Libby Bros. sold 2 springers, \$36.25 each; 2 extra milk cows at \$45 each; calves from 3a5½c. W. A. Ricker sold 8 cows at \$25a50. F. Wallace, 10 cows at \$37 a head, and how he got home cost was a wonder; other dealers said they could not buy at the prices at home. J. S. Henry sold 40 head all the way from \$25a55. S. E. Eaton sold 4 cows from \$30a45.

Store Pigs—Market quiet. Small pigs at \$1.50a2.50; shoats, \$3.50a5.50.

BOSTON PRODUCE MARKET.

Boston, Sept. 5, 1900.

Flour is a little easier, corn easier by about ½c; oats fairly sustained. Hay quite firm. Straw steady. Mill-feed firm. Hay, \$14a19; fancy and jobbing, \$18.50; rye straw, \$16a17; oat straw, \$8a9; sack spring bar, \$16.75a17; winter, \$17.25a18; middlings, \$17.25a19.25; mixed feed, \$18.50a19.50.

Pork and Lard.

Pork and lard are easier. Lard, 8½c; lard in pails, 9a9½c; city dressed hogs, 7½c; country, 6½c.

Beef.

Beef only in fair demand: Fancy sides, 9c; choice 8½a8¾c; good 7¾a8c; light and grass, 7a8c.

Muttons, Lambs and Veals.

Lambs are firmer with the prices advanced but muttons are dull: Spring lambs, 7a10½c; Brighton and fancy, 9½a11c; yearlings, 5½a7½c; muttons, 6a7c; fancy and Brightons, 6½a8c; veals, 5a9c; fancy Brightons, 9a10c.

Poultry.

Fancy heavy chickens, 17a19c; fresh chickens, 13a16c; fresh fowl, 11a15c.

Potatoes.

Potatoes are fairly steady. Apples. Apples very dull: Gravensteins, 1-25a1.75; Astrachans, \$1a1.50; pippins and Porters, 75c\$1; sweet apples, \$1a1.75 per bbl.

Beans.

Beans are steady at the recent advance: Carload lots, pea, \$2.20a2.22½; medium, \$2.17½a2.20; yellow eyes, \$2.30.

Butter.

Butter steady to firm, with prices unchanged. Cheese. Cheese firmer: Old, 11½a13c; new, 10a10½c.

Eggs.

Eggs are firmer: Eastern, 18a20c; nearby and fancy, 20c; jobbing, 1a1½c higher.

PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1900.

Wheat is somewhat unsettled. Corn and oats lower. Flour on the advance. Provisions firm.

Apples—Eating apples, \$1.25a1.75 per bbl.; evaporated, 6a6c per lb.

Butter—Creamery.

Butter—Creamery, 22a25c; Vermont dairy, 21a22c.

Cheese—Sage, 12a12½c; Vermont dairy, 11½a12c; N. Y. factory, 11½a12c.

Flour—Low grades, \$2.90a3.10; Spring wheat, \$3.70a3.90; patent Spring wheat, 4.50a4.75.

Fish—Cod, Shore, \$4.25a4.75; hering, per bbl., \$4a7.50; scaled per box, 12a16c.

Grain—Corn, car lots, 49½a50c; bag lots, 52c; meal, bag lots, 49a50c; oats, car lots, 30c; bag lots, 34a35c; shorts, sack, car lots, \$17.50a18c; shorts, bag lots, \$18.50a19c; middlings, \$18a19c; middlings, bag lots, \$18a20c; cottonseed meal, car lots, \$26; bag lots, \$27.

Lard—Bbl., pure, 8a8½c; pails, pure, 8½a9c; pure leaf, 9½a9½c.

Potatoes—New, bbl., \$1.50a1.75.

Provisions—Beef, 7a8c; round hogs, 5½c; lamb, 9a10c; mutton, 7½c; chickens, 13a16c; fowl, 11a13c; eggs, 20a22c.

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Cotton Seed Meal—Bag lots, \$1.45; \$28, ton lots.
Chicago Gluten Meal—Ton lots, \$24; bag lots, \$1.90; Buffalo, ton lots, \$18; bag lots, \$1.35.
Flour—Full winter patents, \$4.50a4.75. Spring patents, \$5a5.24; roller process, straight, \$4.45; low grade, \$2.50a3.40.
Sugar—\$6.05 per hundred. Hay—Loose, \$15a17; pressed, \$15a16.
Hides and Skins—Cow hides, 5½c; or hides, 5½a6c; bulls and stags, 4½c. Lime and Cement—Lime, \$1.10 per sack; cement, \$1.50. Hardwood—Dry, \$5a5.50; green, \$3a4.
Grain—Corn, 56c; meal, \$10.50. Oats—75c, bag lots.

AUGUSTA CITY PRODUCE MARKET

(Corrected Sept. 5, for the Maine Farmer by G. W. Wadleigh.

New domestic cheese steady. Eggs unchanged. Potatoes plenty. Beans steady. Butter higher. Fowl and chickens wanted. Good chickens cheaper. Pork out of the market. Veal in demand. Lambs firm. Cabbages plenty.

Beans—Western pea beans, \$2a2.25; Yellow eyes, \$2.25a2.50.
Butter—Ball butter, 18a22c. Creamery, 24c.
Cheese—Factory, 10c. Sage, 12c. Eggs—Fresh, 16c per dozen.
Lard—in pails, best, 9½c.
Provisions—Wholesale—Clear salt pork, \$13.50a14.75 per bbl.; beef per side, 7a8c; fowl, 12a13c; veal, 8c; ham, 11c; spring lamb, 11c; chickens, 16a17c.
Potatoes—new, 58c per bush.
Cabbages—1c per lb.
Beets—60c bush.
Blueberries—5c.
Blackberries—5c.
Peas—\$1 per bush.

HEADQUARTERS FOR THE Unequaled Windmill.

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Estimates gratis. Write us your wants. We will interest you.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS, Sewall R. Savage, of Augusta, in the County of Kennebec and State of Maine, by his mortgage dated the second day of October, A. D. 1897, and recorded in the County of Kennebec, Book 422, Page 90 conveyed to me, the undersigned, a certain parcel of real estate situated in said Augusta, bounded as follows, to wit: On the West by Pine Street; on the South by land of Joseph H. Wadsworth; on the East by land of James A. Savage, and on the North by land of the City of Augusta.

WHEREAS, The condition of said mortgage has been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof I claim the foreclosure of said mortgage.

Augusta, Aug. 27, 1899. MARGARET E. WELCH, By Heath & Andrews, her attys.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS, notice has been given in writing to the Augusta Savings Bank, that Deposit Book No. 3584, issued by said bank, is supposed to be lost, and a duplicate thereof applied for, and the said duplicate book, unless said deposit book is presented at said bank within six months from the third publication of this notice, a duplicate book will be issued to the lawful owner of said original deposit book, and the said duplicate book, on account of said original deposit book and secured dividends, will forever cease, as provided by the laws of the State of Maine.

Augusta, Aug. 27, 1899. JOHN C. DUDLEY, Treasurer.

FARM FOR SALE.

Situated in China, Maine, on the shore of China lake, containing 140 acres of land under a good state of cultivation. Buildings nearly new; water in barn; good wood lot; 207 young apple trees in bearing. Will be sold at a bargain; owner sells on account of poor health. Will also sell a herd of Jersey cows and span of work horses.

China, Me., Aug. 15, 1900. B. H. MOODY, 4423.

Bull for sale—Drooped Dick Brown Beebe's son, sire of a 2-10.14.15.16.17.18.19.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28.29.30.31.32.33.34.35.36.37.38.39.40.41.42.43.44.45.46.47.48.49.50.51.52.53.54.55.56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65.66.67.68.69.70.71.72.73.74.75.76.77.78.79.80.81.82.83.84.85.86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.94.95.96.97.98.99.100.101.102.103.104.105.106.107.108.109.110.111.112.113.114.115.116.117.118.119.120.121.122.123.124.125.126.127.128.129.130.131.132.133.134.135.136.137.138.139.140.141.142.143.144.145.146.147.148.149.150.151.152.153.154.155.156.157.158.159.160.161.162.163.164.165.166.167.168.169.170.171.172.173.174.175.176.177.178.179.180.181.182.183.184.185.186.187.188.189.190.191.192.193.194.195.196.197.198.199.200.201.202.203.204.205.206.207.208.209.210.211.212.213.214.215.216.217.218.219.220.221.222.223.224.225.226.227.228.229.230.231.232.233.234.235.236.237.238.239.240.241.242.243.244.245.246.247.248.249.250.251.252.253.254.255.256.257.258.259.260.261.262.263.264.265.266.267.268.269.270.271.272.273.274.275.276.277.278.279.280.281.282.283.284.285.286.287.288.289.290.291.292.293.294.295.296.297.298.299.300.3